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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners***BOARD MEETING MINUTES****December 15, 2009**

The December 15, 2009 meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
by the Chairperson, Margery Rodgers, PT.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Deborah Jackson, Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney
Ross Haley, PT Student, Univ. of Delaware

Absent

Sandra Kurland

Margery Rodgers introduced Ross Haley a PT student from Delaware, who was attending the open session of the board meeting.

The agenda was approved with one addition.

Agenda

Privately owned vehicle reimbursements rates were noted by the Board.

Vehicle
Reimbursements
Minutes

The Open Session Minutes for November 17, 2009 were approved with an amendment to page 2, paragraph 2 – Lori Mizell stated that the Maryland law does not state “on the premises”, but that the PT has to be personally present and immediately available. The minutes will be corrected.

The Board discussed and **approved** the content of the AD HOC Committee Meeting and its conclusions, submitted by Ann Tyminski. It was determined that recommendations 8, 9, 10 and 11 would be referred to the Legislative Committee.

AD HOC
Committee Meeting

Ann Tyminski's draft of the letter to Medicaid, asking them to review their regulations pertaining to supervision of PTAs, was approved.

Medicaid

The Board reviewed Laura Kowal's inquiry regarding documentation of a discharge/note summary in the acute care community. It was determined that there **must** be a discharge summary done on every patient, regardless of the setting. This is the intent of the documentation regulations. It can be combined with a final note from the last visit.

Laura Kowal

The newsletter article "PTAs and Screens" submitted by Shirley Leeper was discussed and was thought it would trigger controversy. Rather, the Board requested staff to research material for Frequently Asked Questions.

PTA's and Screens

The Board needs articles for the Winter Newsletter. It was suggested that a Question and Answer segment might be a good idea.

Winter
Newsletter

The Board discussed the possibility of putting a secure door between the Chiropractic Board and the Physical Therapy Board. This is viewed as serious issue because of the HIPPA regulations. It was determined that the PT Board could install an alarm system on the present door, which connects the two boards. If this proves to be ineffective, then phase two will be put into effect. A door will be installed on the PT side, enabling security.

Doorway to
Chiro Board

The Legislative Committee meeting is to be held in the future. Mrs. Tyminski will send out dates.

Legislative
Committee

Continuing Education

The course: Autism Spectrum Disorders was denied because it seemed geared more towards teachers and general public than physical therapists.

CEU Course
Denied

The course: Mealtime Success for Kids on the Spectrum: was denied because it was determined that it was not directly related to the clinical practice of PT.

CEU Course
Denied

The course: Viscerovascular Manipulation: Lower body, was accepted by the Board as an approved CEU course.

CEU Course
Approved

The Open Centered Riding Clinic was denied because it seemed to be non-therapeutic and geared more towards the general public.

CEU Course
Denied

The year-to-date revenues were reviewed.

Income Summary

John Baker reviewed the material from November CAC meeting. The Board discussed the fact that the most important factor is public safety. It was felt that the best way to achieve this is through maintaining competency, rather than trying to prove it. Competency is already proven through the many levels taken to become a PT or a PTA. The object is to find an acceptable way to maintain that level of competency.

CAC Meeting

Ann Tyminski reported on the interaction of the Board with the Department of Child Support Services. It appears that the Board would be given a choice between Child Support Services being given a complete list from our database; four times a year, or information given individually on demand. The Board felt that the latter would be in everyone's best interest, given that it would more than likely happen on rare occasions.

Child Support
Services

Mrs. Tyminski reported that the Board's response to the preliminary sunset evaluation gave sufficient information for the Department of Legislative Services to change its recommendation from a full evaluation to a report on the settlement of issues to be submitted in October 2010. Further, she reported that there will be a meeting scheduled with the Chiropractic Board in the near future to try to resolve the concerns raised in the preliminary evaluation that Chiropractors may practice the full spectrum of physical therapy even though they are not taught some of the advanced physical therapy procedures.

Sunset Evaluation

Informational

A newsletter from Oklahoma PT Board was distributed to the Board for their review.

Oklahoma Board

A newsletter from the Maryland Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy was distributed to the Board for their review.

Chiropractic Board

An article from the Maryland Bar Journal re professional licensing was distributed to the Board for their review.

Maryland Bar
Journal

The review of Laura M. Davis's application was moved to Closed Session.

Laura M. Davis

The review of the application of Philip D. Tyre was moved to Closed Session.

Philip D. Tyre

The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 2:20 p.m. for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of physical therapist applications in accordance with State Government Article S10-50 8(a) (13).

The Board then immediately convened into the Closed Session, which adjourned at 2:40 p.m., at which time a short break was taken.

The Board then convened an Administrative Session. The same board members attending the open session remained for the Administrative Session, unless recused on a particular matter. The Administrative Session ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

Jan. 19, 2010
Date approved



Margery F. Rodgers, Chairperson